

Dear Sirs,

I am totally against BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) at this point in time as it appears to be on the fastest track of any proposal ever for approval yet it has received no testing to insure there will be no interference with radio services such as FEMA, the Military, local and state Police, and Amateur Radio which supports these others in emergencies.

What do I think of the basic idea? I think it is great. I believe that we need more competition in providing high-speed Internet service to all Americans. I also believe that this should be done at the lowest possible cost, thereby making it affordable to the greatest number of our population. But I believe it cannot and must not encroach on presently reliable means of communication.

The only reason I can see as to why BPL is on such a fast track is that some lobbyists are handing out big incentives because some entities are going to make a very lot of money. BPL could be a great thing, or it could cause harmful interference to radio communications. Without proper public trials we will not know which and if BPL is allowed to progress and harmful interference does result, it will be too late.

Please insure that proper public trials are undertaken and all entities that may be affected are made part of these trials. I am an Amateur Radio Operator. I operate my equipment under license from you, and in accordance with your rules, the rules of the Amateur Radio Service. The amateur radio club to which I belong (York Radio Club) in Elmhurst Illinois is closely connected with our Fire Department for emergency preparedness and weather spotting. We are also interfacing with our local hospital. I and the members of our local Amateur Radio Club as well as the community in general would not be well served if BPL caused harmful interference to radio communications during an emergency and we were unable to assist.

In summary I believe that the idea, is good and that most people would support it if proper public trials are performed and there is no harmful interference to radio communications. However, it appears to most Radio Amateurs that this is being snowballed through and the only reason for that is that it will cause harmful interference but that certain entities will make a lot of money, and in the long run the public will be worse off as emergency radio communications will be interfered with. Please insure proper public testing is done and published before proceeding with this very important decision on BPL

Sincerely

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